CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Original Lolita01.avi

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1400757.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Distributor: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Unidentified language

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 23 September 2014

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 23 September 2014

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Original Lolita01	24:02
Total running time:		24:02

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file 'Original Lolita01.avi' promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable.

The video clip on the file shows the sexual exploitation of an Asian girl in her mid-teens by an anonymous man. The girl is unresponsive and unhappy throughout the encounter and clearly withdraws any initial consent at several points. The file is taken from a file-sharing website. The

availability of such material is likely to create or reinforce a sexual interest in underage girls, and promote their exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.